


DID YOU KNOW: 15 different groups from around the community meet at Christ Church on a regular basis. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Substance Abuse response, 12-Step groups, RCS, and Interfaith Refugee Ministry, just to name a few

Christ Church, New Bern
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Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** To volunteer for July services, click [here](#). For August services, click [here](#). For more information contact Sarah Risty Davis at sarahristydavis@christ-churchnewbern.com.
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** Come join us at the Reception Desk. Reserve your July shift [here](#). August shifts can be found [here](#).
- **Receive emails and texts from Christ Church:** Click [here](#) to receive text messages and/or emails from Christ Church. *Standard text messaging rates apply.*
- **Lemonade on the Lawn:** Summer Lemonade on the Lawn takes place after 10 am service. Hosts put lemonade and cups on a cart and take it from the Parish House kitchen to the courtyard. Lemonade is provided. Sign up here at <https://tinyurl.com/Lemonade2025>.

A Vine in the Garden

What is that Giant Vine in the Memorial Garden? Well, we don't know for sure! So, we are going to let it keep flowing around the ground until it bears something!

We think it is probably a pumpkin vine or other type of squash, but we'll see. If you'd like to vote for what you think it might be, please use the slips of paper at the Reception Desk, and drop them in the box. Once we determine what it is, we'll open the box, and see how you all voted! If you put your name on the slip, and you voted for the correct vine, YOU get to pick the first fruit. (if it's a pumpkin, I want a slice of your pie!)

Thanks so much.

Rod Hayes, Church and Church Grounds Gardening



Women's Book Study

On Tuesday, August 5th, the Women's Book Study will begin reading *Acedia & Me* by Kathleen Norris. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$10.00).

Norris is a poet and essayist whose work focuses on the intersection of religious practices and the spiritual journey. In *Acedia & Me*, Norris explores all aspects of acedia, with the particular purpose of drawing a distinction between it and depression.

Join us Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 in the 2nd Floor Living Room. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer, followed by reading the book aloud, and discussing. No preparation is necessary. You can join the group at any time.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For parishioners who have requested prayers:

Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Jim Keeter, Evelyn Hunter, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, Carol Kross, Rena Knott, Mike McCulley, Robert Lane, Vickie Evans*, Joan Kunkel, Margaret Scott*, Jim Gruenebaum, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine*, Geoff Wood, Charlie Henke, Ken McCotter, Bob Nelson, Liz Praul, Cathy Monid, Rosie Wood, Betsy Phillips, Nicholas Pridgen, Pat Robinson, Pat Holmes, Cathy O'Brien, Charles Peterson, Helen Shine, Palmer Noonan, Steve Phillips, Linda Bullock, Ann Bustard, Nancy Mansfield, Pat Polk, DJ Besack, and Rebecca Liberty.



For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Danny, Phyllis, Mary, Otto, Catherine, Jack, Karen, Henry, Jim, Howard, Jahna, Debbie, Will, Lucy, Kelsey, Kenny, Yuri, Julia, Valeria, Valentina, Carly, Richard, Bob, Peggy, Gene, Dolores, Beth, Nolan, Denise, David, Sam, Larry, Bobby, Joan, Corey, Denni, Elizabeth, and Jenna.

For our deployed military: Charles Lewis, Jr.

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Wilmington, St. Joseph's, Fayetteville

**These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list.*

In an effort to keep our prayer lists current and accurate, names of friends and family members will normally remain on the list for six months. If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact [Betsy Downard](mailto:Betsy.Downard).

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* - the 15th of the month prior to publication
- Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
- Thursday email and printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday
- Please send all pictures, articles, and questions to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Please note that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire Christ Church calendar can be found at www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

Sunday, July 20

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 12:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Monday, June 21

- 8:30 am: Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, July 22

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 11:30 am: Chair Yoga (Parish House)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, July 23

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Sunday, July 27

- 8 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Psalms in the Summer Class (Library)
- 10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 11 am: Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11 am: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

From the Rector

Long-time member Rosemary Stark died on Monday, July 7, after a fierce battle with cancer. She moved to Massachusetts in early 2025 to be closer to her family as she went through treatment. Rosemary was the leading force in starting Interfaith Refugee Ministry and played a pivotal role in other ecumenical efforts here in New Bern. She will be buried in Jamestown, NY, along with her late husband, Ray. A memorial service is still in the works and will likely be in Jamestown. Please hold Rosemary's family in your prayers at this time.